TAKE MY WORD FOR IT!

By FRANK COLBY

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HANDBOOK OF PRACTICAL ENGLISH

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Q. To settle an office disagreement, will you please pass on the following sentence: "A copy of my letter to Mr. Smith, together with its letter (are' is') enclosed."—V. M. C.

A. My assistant, Dr. Etaoin Shrdlu (who at one time was headmaster at Bogtle academy, Tewering on the Verge), explains thus: "Harumph! Ahh . . . copulative conjunctions, such as 'with, along with, together with, including, et cetera, are not equivalent, in affecting the number of the subject, to 'and.' Harumph!"

What old Doc S. means by that typically dogmatic Shrdluvianism is that such conjunctions, unlike "and," do not make the subject plural. Note the singular verbs in these correct sentences:

A copy of my letter, together with his letter, is enclosed.

The man, as well as his children, was invited.

The door opened and a woman and three children were ushered in.

His hand, also Mary's, was raised.

Mary's dress, like her mother's, is yellow.

In other words, clauses like "together with his letter" stand outside of the sentence as parenthetical remarks which are not essential to the meaning. They do not, therefore, become additional subjects.

In fact, many such sentences can be reworded, placing the clause at the end, thus showing clearly that the clause affects neither the subject nor the verb: The man was invited, as well as his children. Mary's dress is yellow, like her mother's. The door opened and a woman entered with three children.

Of course, two subjects connected by "and" require a plural verb, thus: The man and his children were invited. The door opened and a woman and three children were ushered in. A copy of my letter and his letter are enclosed.

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B'airsville: Recently in a sophomore English test this question appeared: "What is a synonym for 'walk'?" I tried to think of perambulate, but wrote "percolate." Since an important grade depends on this test, would you please make me up a definition of "percolate" so that I can show it to my teacher and stay out of the doghouse?—J.

Answer: Sorry, there is no such word. If there were, it would not possibly be a synonym for "walk," for per means "through; by means of," and oculate means "having eyes or spots resembling eyes."

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Los Angeles: Your recent article on digits and measurements was very interesting, but you failed to mention the vigesimal system of counting by twenties, by using the toes as well as the fingers.—K. M.

Answer: Vigesimal means "twentieth; divided by twenty." According to the Encyclopaedia Britannica the vigesimal system is the only method of counting known to the Eskimos who "count by means of their fingers and toes, 20 being 'a man brought to an end.'" This obviously refers to 20 as the end (last) of a man's total digits.

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Los Angeles: While stroking the cat and saying to it "poor kitty," I was asked what I was doing. I replied: "I am pooring the cat." Is there such a word to express the act?—H. L. C.

Answer: Merriam Webster's lists poor as a verb with the colloquial meaning, "to treat pityingly," as in "poor." Yes, sir; you may "poor" the cat.

To Disintegrate Atom in New Way

Russian Scientists Claim to Have Made Other Finds Of Importance.

MOSCOW. — A new kind of atomic disintegration is claimed to have been discovered by Soviet scientists. They also claim to have found new and highly important data about cosmic rays and the earth's composition.

Prof. P. I. Lukisky, well-known physicist and research expert, was credited with the atomic disintegration discovery. A brief article in the Communist party newspaper Pravda, quoted Dr. S. I. Vavilov, president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, as saying that Lukisky had found "a new kind of disintegration of atomic nuclei."

What the Term Means.

Atomic disintegration is a term generally used to describe the emission of radioactive rays from atoms. The Russians apparently made no claim concerning atom splitting or of discovering the "know-how" which would enable them to manufacture an atom bomb.

Details of Lukisky's experiments were not published.

Lukisky is known to be an expert on so-called heavy electrons, and has been instructing a number of Soviet scientists now working on atomic research.

The Pravda announcement said he had been nominated to fill one of the five newly-created chairs in theoretical and experimental physics in the Soviet Academy of Sciences.

Also nominated for one of the chairs was D. V. Skobeltsyn, described by the academy president as the discoverer of many new aspects of cosmic rays.

Skobeltsyn, through experiments with the Wilson camera, discovered a new appearance in the emission of positive electrons by a radioactive substance, and "educated a big school of specialists on the atomic kernels and cosmic rays," Vavilov said.

Currents Probe Earth.

Data on the earth's composition was obtained through probing by electrical currents to a distance of 19.8 miles, a new record, according to an announcement by Prof. B. N. Yanobsky of Leningrad university.

Yanobsky said that the previous record was believed to be 7.5 miles, established by a French scientist.

The experiments are expected to contribute materially to the location of mineral's hidden in the earth's vast depths.

The London News Chronicle reported from Istanbul, Turkey, that the Russians were building a "gigantic atomic energy project" near the Black sea port of Sukhum.

Ian Bevan, a correspondent quoting "travelers arriving" in Istanbul, wrote that the project was being carried on secretly in a mountainous region close to Europe's highest peak—the 18,463 foot Mount Elbrus.

Secrecy Surrounding Atomic Bomb Lifted

Scientific Data Is Released on Nuclear Fission.

WASHINGTON.—The pipelines of scientific information, once drained of all reference to atomic energy to preserve the secrecy of the atomic bomb, are beginning to fill with data in the field of nuclear science—"without impairing the essential security surrounding the bomb."

Passed through the filtering process of declassification, the knowledge gained in nearly five years of atomic research and development is beginning to flow—both in scientific and technical channels and in the public press.

Nearly 200 papers, totaling some two million words of atomic information, have been cleared through the Manhattan project's declassification procedure, according to Lt. Col. W. S. Hutchinson, Jr., public-relations officer for the nation's atomic development project.

Many of the unpublished as well as the published articles will appear in the Manhattan project's own technical history started in 1945. This will be a library of more than 100 volumes bringing together in one set of books all of the significant scientific and engineering information developed in the atomic energy program.

"American science is best served by the widest possible dissemination of scientific information without restriction," said Colonel Hutchinson, "but national security is best served by controlling certain scientific developments in the nuclear field as they relate to the atomic bomb.

"The Manhattan project has established a very effective program which protects the vital secrets of nuclear science affecting national security and which still releases the basic mathematics chemistry and physics developed on the project during the war. One purpose of this policy is to give the impetus to American science to continue its advance, not only in government-sponsored and government-controlled laboratories, but also in the many independent academic and industrial organizations that are the foundation of our national scientific engineering and industrial strength."

Cold wave sweeps nation.

UNO activity for the past year is detailed in report by President Truman.

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Demonstration Club Schedule for Next Week

Home Demonstration Agent's schedule for week of Feb. 17-22:

Monday, Feb. 17.- Pamplin Home Demonstration Club meeting will be held at 2:00 P. M. at the Pamplin Home Economics Room. Demonstration on Basic Wardrobe of Four Schemes.

Tuesday, Feb. 18.- Appomattox Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P.M., at the home of Mrs. L. C. McKenzie, joint hostesses: Mrs. C. S. Booth and Mrs. W. W. Scott. Demonstration on basic wardrobe of color schemes.

Wednesday, Feb. 19.- The Wreck Pond Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. John Harrison at 2:00 P. M. Demonstration on basic wardrobe of color schemes.

Thursday, Feb.20.- Liberty Chapel Home Demonstration Club will meet from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P. M. Demonstration: Remodeling Dress and basic wardrobe of color schemes.

Friday, Feb. 21.- Oakville Home Demonstration will meet at 2:00 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Melvin Hubbard. Demonstration on basic wardrobe of color schemes.

All home makers in these communities are invited to attend.

FATHER DARKLEAF

By The Editor

Did you noticed how the days are getting longer? Makes you feel foolish to quit work and eat supper at the wintertime 5 or 5:30.

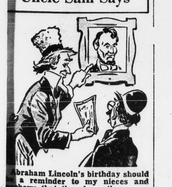
Farmer weather means a lot to some in the printing and publishing business. During a severe cold snap, it is next to impossible to get performance out of machine inks and rollers.

Exchange: an ad for shirts read: "Our shirts will laugh at the laundry." Guess so, they came back with the sides split.

We went up yesterday and looked through the new Lee Theatre on the Building. Say, it is a dandy. We were surprised at the number of office rooms on the second floor of the large store space at the front on the first floor is ideal. The boys went into the large front end of the windows yesterday, and the finishing touches were added to the floors. Appomattox has long needed a modern office building, and we congratulate the Lee Theatre on its enterprise in meeting this need.

Bedouins attack town in Palestine.

Uncle Sam Says



Abraham Lincoln's birthday should be a reminder to my nieces and nephews that they have the opportunity to emancipate themselves from future insecurity by buying United States Savings Bonds regularly. Every time you buy a bond you've added something to the future you're creating—a home, an education for your children, a secure old age for yourself. Every signed payroll savings authorization card is a personal emancipation proclamation—emancipation from the slavery of a future hand-to-mouth existence. Every regular purchase of a Savings Bond at your bank, post office or where you work is another step toward future happiness.

U. S. Treasury Department

ROLL CALL CHAIRMAN

JUDGE JOEL W. FLOOD

The Times-Virginian learned this week that Judge Joel W. Flood will serve as Roll Call Chairman for the 1947 campaign of the American Red Cross. The drive for funds is scheduled for March.

U. D. C. Plans Active Program

The Appomattox Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet Tuesday, February 18th, at 3:30 in the County Library. The program subject is "Sidney Lanier Established in the Hall of Fame." Mrs. Bernard C. Baldwin of Lynchburg will be the guest speaker. Mrs. Baldwin was the Virginia Chairman for the National Committee that worked on the project for many years, being finally successful. Lanier being elected in 1946 and the bust placed last October.

The Chapt hopes to raise $123 through a series of diminishing parties. The parties will diminish in size and at the same time increase in the the number given, until at the last there will be 96 hostesses inviting four persons each to her home.

Mrs. Jerry Burke, the Chairman of the Committee, will have a party of twelve on February 24. Each of these twelve guests will, in turn, give a party for eight and each of the eight, aparty for four. The guests deposit .25 with the hostess and she passes the money and list of guests to the preceding hostess. Both money and lists of names coming eventually to Mrs. Burke. Any type of entertainment is permissable, provided the refreshments are simple.

The money raised will be used for the work of the U.D.C. in Virginia, Emergency Relief for wives and daughters of Confederate soldiers: the two acts which are maintained at Carters and Blue Ridge Sanitoria for descendants of soldiers: the maintenance of Stratford: the salary of the Custodian at Lee Chapel, Lexington: and the educational work. - The Division has 29 scholarships, valued $15,566.61 for the use of descendants of Confederate soldiers. The preliminary work is historical. - to preserve the history of the South, particularly of the Sixties. This is done by collecting diaries and letters and reminiscencies of that period; by gifts of books to libraries at home and abroad; by correcting errors, and by encouraging research through prizes offered for essays and other writings.

The committee arranging the diminishing parties is: Mrs. Jerry Burke, chairman, Mrs. Walter Scott, Mrs. Russell Wagers and Mrs. Clarence Staples. They ask that you come when invited, bring your quarter, and give a party, and hostesses are not limited to members of the U.D.C., but the public is cordially invited to take part.

March of Dimes Drive Has Over $1,000 Total

The March of Dimes campaign in Appomattox County is nearing an end, and according to chairman G. B. Buchanan will be one of the most successful ever held here. Incomplete reports show that total contributions will pass the $1,000 mark.

APPOMATTOX GROWING . . .

(One of a series)

Appomattox is a growing town.

And a growing town must render many services. Not all, by any means, of the desired services, are now being rendered by the town of Appomattox. But the fact remains that the town is progressive, and moving forward.

Take fire fighting, for example. Truly, here is a problem in any growing community.

When the fire alarm goes off, what happens? That is an important question. And for today's pictures in the Times-Virginian series on the subject of Appomattox as a "growing town," we answer that very important question. The answer: your neighbors and friends, members of the town volunteer fire department, and everyone within reach . . . rushes to your aid.

These pictures, snapped a few days ago by Charlie Carter, of the local National Photo Studio, show crowds of local citizens answering a fire alarm. All hands join in to hook up fire hose, get the fire engine to pumping water, rush in with fire extinguishers, and do whatever else possible - in a hurry - to save a neighbor from disaster.

So, here's a salute to our volunteer firemen! May you never need them to save your home. But if you do, there is the comforting knowledge that they are alert and on the job.

Party leaders indicate that Truman may seek '48 nomination.

Stettinius urges aid to China.

Henrico board votes a bonus to teachers.

Soil Office Moves To New Building

F. F. Carr, District Conservationist, Robert E. Lee Soil Conservation District, has announced the acquisition of a space in the newly constructed addition to the Lee Theatre, Appomattox, Virginia. The move from their present location in the school dormintory building will take place February 15. Any one wishing to reach any of the Soil Conservation people after that date may do so at the new location.

Arnold Littie And Home Town Entertainers

The "Old Dixie Barn Dance" will have its first Saturday night performance here at the Appomattox High School Auditorium this Saturday night at 8:00 o'clock.

An abundance of "hillbilly" talent has been assembled for the show, and the public is invited to come in and have an evening of fun and at the same time aid the high school athletic fund.

Among the musical groups slated to appear are:

Arnold Littie and His Hometown Entertainers,

Artie P. Chrowder and His Tennessee Rail Splitters

The Virginia Mountain Boys,

The Howard Boys

The Paul Mc Brothers,

Willie Woodson and His Swing-Billies.

And plenty of others to provide an evening of fun and frolic for everybody.

MR. J. LUTHER FERGUSON

Mr. James Luther Ferguson died at his home on Route 2, Appomattox, February 8. He was born in Appomattox County on October 22, 1861, son of the late Preston and Mary Jane Franklin Ferguson.

He is survived by two sisters, Miss Ada Ferguson of Appomattox, and Mrs. Cornelia Snydor, of Portsmouth, Va.

Feneral service; were held from the home Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, the Rev. Odell G. Carter, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Martin Wade, Wm. Richard, Webb Walker and Robert Morris.

MR. W. W. CARTER

Mr. Willie Walker Carter died at his home in Appomattox Tuesday morning at 12:05, following a very brief illness. He was born in Appomattox County July 28, 1898. His wife was the former Katherine Chloe Jones. He was a son of Warner C. Carter and Mittie Bryant Carter, the latter surviving.

He was employed as a bridge constructor by the State Highway Department, for about 25 years.

He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife and his mother, he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Paul E. Hostetter, Cincinnati, Ohio; Miss Ruth Virginia Carter, Lynchburg; Ellsworth P. Carter, U. S. Navy, Key West, Fla.; Joel Flood Carter and David W. Carter, Appomattox, Va.

Also the following brothers and sisters: E. C. Carter, Mrs. H. T. Ferguson and Mrs. E. L. Thomas, of Appomattox, Va.

Funeral services were held from Liberty Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. Interment was in the New Hope Cemetery at Vera.

MR. R. F. SPRADLIN

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. R. F. Spradlin, a former resident of this county. He died Monday in Lynchburg.

High School CHATTER

- Contributed

Appomattox High is certainly a busy place, there's no doubt of that. Especially is it busy around every other Friday night. Canteen night that is. And last Friday night's canteen looked as gay as a rose garden. All the girls were in their very best, some in evening gowns, and all the boys were in their best suits. Yes, each of you were being tossed around for it was a Valentine's party. The Home Ec. girls really did a swell job.

Something very unusual happened recently. The students have at last managed to put something over on the teachers. The Senior girls found out that Miss Holley was to have a birthday so they very secretly decid d on a gift, and at the Canteen party everyone sang "Happy Birthday" and the gift was presented.

Is it Geometry that Bolly and Richard discuss so earnestly? That's what they say it is anyway.

Anne Taylor decided to take a trip last week-end. Did you have a nice time Anne? And speaking of trips, someone mentioned that Sue Austin has gone on a trip to Florida. Won't you girls realize that you'll break the poor fellow's hearts with your absence?

Ray Wilhoit gets acquainted fast, does he not? Especially with the girls!

Look out for Bobby Walker and Linda Carter about that!

Does anyone know who went on a certain bicycling trip last Friday? Even the weather doesn't stop some people.

Do we have a new student in school. Well, anyway, who is "Fuzzy"?

More news next week, dear students. Until then, be good, study hard, and please do something interesting for us to write about!!

MISS NANCY SCOTT IN COLLEGE OPERA

Miss Nancy Scott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scott, of Appomattox, participated in Lynchburg College Music Department's production, "A Night of Opera," Wednesday evening. Miss Scott was a member of the chorus of Mozart's one-act opera, "Bastien and Bastienna."

APPOMATTOX STUDENT IS ACTIVE IN MINISTRY

James C. Austin, pre-ministerial student at the University of Virginia, has finished the past term's work with an average that warrants him to be placed on the dean's list of distinguished students. He is now student pastor for the Oak Chapel Baptist Church in Orange County, and active in supply work elsewhere.

SPOUT SPRING P.-T. A.

The Spout Spring P.-T. A. will meet Monday, February 17, at 7:30 P. M. Entertainment and refreshments served. Membership drive is on, everybody come.

HOME ECONOMICS NEWS

On February 7, the home economics girls, under the direction of Miss Viola Carson, brought forth another of the twice-monthly Canteen Parties. The cafeteria was decorated in accordance with the Valentine season, using red and white as predominating colors.

Approximately 200 persons were present, including many of the teachers and parents.

As part of the entertainment, little Mary Ellen Moore tap danced and the home economics girls danced to the figure of a heart.

Attlee orders England on virtual war basis in fuel crisis.

China moves to seek halt of wild inflation.

Maryland oyster bill amended.

Barn Dance Starts Saturday Night at H. S.

Appomattox Lions Club Meets

The regular monthly meeting of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors was held yesterday at the court house.

Dinner Meeting

The Appomattox Lions Club and Appomattox County Teachers will have a joint dinner meeting tonight at the school cafeteria.

Armed services complain of proposed budget cuts.

Stassen asks GOP to abandon its policy of economic isolation.

John B. Spiers not to run for re-election to House of Delegates.

Charles Fenwick to run for the State Senate.

Minute Make-Ups

By GABRIELLE

A famous beauty keeps her skin young by oiling it. She scrubs her skin with a light, creamy lather, then rinses again and again. She dries by pressing a soft towel over her face and throat. Then, with the fingertips, she blends on a light cosmetic oil. A touch of cream rouge and face powder, finished with makeup accents.

Ledger Syndicate.—WNU Features.

Left Wife With 10 Children Because She's 'Inattentive'

METZ, FRANCE. — Pierre Studmann, 55, an Alsatian, was conscripted in the German army in 1915, married a German woman and lived with her until 1936. Then he left Germany.

After World War II he married a French woman and apparently was happy until wife No. 1 lodged a complaint from Germany.

"Between you and me," Studmann told the judge, "my first wife was never very attentive." "Between you and me," the judge told Judgmann, "you should have thought of that before giving her 10 children." Disposition of the case was postponed.

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